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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: AIRCRAFT FOR TUNISIA

1. DEPT AND OASD RECEIVED INFO THROUGH NAVY THAT GOT HAS OFFICIALLY REQUESTED BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS FOR PURCHASE 14 A4C AIRCRAFT WITH CONFIGURATION TO INCLUDE INSTALLATION OF STATIONS 4 AND 5 FOR SIDEWINDER MISSILES.

2. BEFORE WE CAN INITIATE ACTION ON SIDEWINDER CONFIGURATION, GOT REQUEST FOR THAT SYSTEM SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH EMBASSY/STATE CHANNELS WITH INFO OASD/ISA.

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3. GENERAL QUESTION OF ARMS SALES TO ARAB STATES IS NOW UNDER REVIEW BY DEPARTMENT. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE THAT RECENTLY PROPOSED TUNISIAN MERGER WITH LIBYA, WHICH CONTEMPLATED UNIFIED ARMED FORCES, HOWEVER REMOTE THAT EVENTUALITY MAY SEEM, WOULD BE FACTOR IN ULTIMATE USG CONSIDERATION OF SALE OF A4C AIRCRAFT TO TUNISIA. DEPT ASKS THAT EMBASSY ADDRESS THIS QUESTION IN MESSAGE REQUESTED PARA 2.

4. VISIT TO DAVIS-MONTHAN AFB BY TWO TAF OFFICERS WOULD BE PREMATURE AT THIS TIME.

5. FYI. EMBASSY SHOULD BE AWARE THAT PROVISION OF USG FINANCING FOR SIDEWINDER MISSILES TO TUNISIA UNDER AUSPICES

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OF EITHER FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OR FOREIGN MILITARY SALES ACT WOULD BE PROHIBITED UNLESS EXCEPTION OBTAINED BY PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION (PD). FMS CASH SALE WOULD BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT PD. IN LATTER CASE, NEVERTHELESS, WE WOULD WISH TO OBTAIN HIGH-LEVEL APPROVAL OF EXCEPTION TO GENERAL POLICY OF NOT PROVIDING SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS TO UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES. IN ADDITION, SALE OF SIDE-WINDERS TO GOT WOULD REQUIRE EXCEPTION TO NATIONAL DISCLOSURE POLICY, SINCE MISSILE IS CLASSIFIED ITEM. KISSINGER

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